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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Delete the abstract and replace it with the following replacement section:

~~A processor loads, authenticates, and/or initiates execution of authenticated code modules in response to executing launch authenticated code instructions.~~ Embodiments of a processor supporting execution of an authenticated code instruction are disclosed. In one embodiment, a processor includes a memory and one or more execution units. The execution units are to authenticate an authenticated code module stored in the memory and to execute the authenticated code module in response to executing a launch instruction. Components separate from the processor are prevented from altering the authenticated code module stored in the memory.

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